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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Above is an interior view of the auditorium in the famous Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, founded by Paul Rader. There are 2,800 seats in this main auditorium. There is a great platform for choir and band. The chapel, a smaller auditorium, seats 388. Here is where the great conference on evangelism, sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee and the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle will be held November 21-28.

What stirring music we will have, led by Merrill Dunlop, pianist, organist, composer, popular and devoted Christian; Elbert

Thurwalden Tindley, great colored soloist, with Mrs. Tindley's accompanying; Emil Aanderud, trumpeter extraordinary and other remarkable talent devoted to God.

The program, I believe, is the strongest we have ever assembled, with Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Bishop Culbertson, president Moody Bible Institute; Dr. Faris E. Whitesell, Northern Baptist Seminary; Dr. William McCarrell of Cicero Bible Church; Evangelist William Rice, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., Harry Saulnier, Mr. Frank Sheriff, chairman Chicago Christian Business Men's Com-

mittee, along with Editor John R. Rice and others. In the great auxiliary conferences at Rockford, Illinois (sponsored by eleven churches, with some four thousand members); in Milwaukee, at the Wisconsin Tabernacle, with other churches cooperating; at Wheaton Bible Church and at Central Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana, we will have a great program. Besides the speakers named above, we will have in these auxiliary services Dr. Harry E. Jessop, president Chicago Evangelistic Institute; Evangelist John Linton, Rev. Clarence Erickson, pastor Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, and host of the conference, and others.

The Time Is Short!

Plan now to attend these meetings. We suggest that you look at last week's SWORD and immediately write reserving a room in a hotel of your choice (some hotels, addresses and rates are given in last week's SWORD OF THE LORD and the preceding week's).

SOME FREE BEDS will be furnished to pastors, evangelists and ministerial students who cannot afford to pay for hotel rooms. Some Baptist preachers will be cared for by the Conservative Baptist Fellowship Missionary Home for the nominal price of \$1 a night. But if you want a free bed or one offered to Baptist preachers (men only) at \$1 a night, be sure to write at once! We may not be able to make arrangements at the last minute, so hurry!

ABOVE ALL, pray for this great conference. We are obligating THE SWORD OF THE LORD for \$6,000 or \$7,000 worth of expenses for this tremendous conference on evangelism, with auxiliary conferences. We want the prayers of God's people about that. But our chief concern is for the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, may God work us over! We plan prayer meetings, times of confession, preacher clinics about how to get our prayers answered, how to have the power of God and how to win souls. We pray that God will stir revival fires all over this nation through those who attend this conference on revival and soul winning Thanksgiving week, November 21-28.

The conference officially begins Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p. m., November 21, runs through Sunday night, November 28. Are you coming? Write us.

An Honest Business Man

He was an honest man to do business with. He was not an "extortioner" and he was not "unjust." In other words, he was

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Three Kinds of Men; Two Kinds of Christians

By EVANGELIST JOE HENRY HANKINS, D.D.

(Sermon preached at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and stenographically reported.)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned . . . And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."—I Cor. 2:14, 3:1.

The three kinds of men mentioned in those verses are the natural man, the carnal man, and the spiritual man. The two kinds of Christians mentioned are the carnal and the spiritual. The term "natural man" describes the condition of every person born into this world until he has been born again, regenerated by the Spirit of God. The carnal Christian is that Christian who has never developed in his Christian life. He is a saved man, but he has no power, bears no fruit, has no victory, has no real joy and no assurance of his salvation. He lives an up-and-down life—first hot, then cold; happy today, unhappy tomorrow; victorious today, defeated tomorrow. His influence never counts for God because there isn't enough in his life that speaks of salvation in Christ.

Now the other class are saved people who are growing in their Christian lives—going "from faith to faith" and from victory to victory in Christ. They are happy in their salvation. They know they have been saved and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Their lives constantly speak to the world of a new life within and tell the world that Christ is really living in them. Theirs is a radiant religion. When the world sees them it takes "knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

I want us to think together about these three classes of men as described in the Word of God.

I. The Natural Man

The first thing we notice about the natural man is that he cannot understand and cannot re-

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Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

"I THIRST"

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst."—John 19:28.

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

The thirst of a drunkard must be an awful thing! I have known the thirst for drink to so master a man that he would pay any price in the world for liquor. How many have thrown away all the pleasures of home, a wife's love and affection, the welfare of little children, the respect and honor of men, and health; and many have doubtless cast away their souls, for the love of drink! But the thirst for liquor does not compare with the awful thirst of Christ as He died on the cross.

In John 19:28-30 we are told how the Saviour thirsted on the cross:

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

This is near the very end of the sufferings on the cross. Just before Jesus was crucified, He was offered vinegar mingled with gall to drink and refused it (Matt. 27:34). But in the act of death He received the vinegar.

Jesus thirsted for water, but they gave Him vinegar and gall!

Jesus thirsted, but His thirst was unsatisfied. He wanted water but did not drink it.

"I THIRST!" This was the cry of the Saviour before He died for the sins of all mankind, on the cruel cross. And in the unsatisfied, dying thirst of our Saviour there are holy blessings for us, sinful men; salvation and sym-

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Club News

appears on page 8 of this issue. Don't miss the November selection and the exciting alternate!

A GOOD MAN LOST A WICKED MAN SAVED

By Evangelist Bill Rice
Wheaton, Illinois

A Message Based on One of the Most Startling Stories in the Bible! A Story Jesus Told of a Good Man Who Was Lost and a Wicked Man Who Was Saved

"And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others; Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."—Luke 18:9-14.

This is the story, the amazing story, of an upright man of honest character who was lost and a wicked scoundrel who was saved! As we notice how good the good man really was and how wicked the wicked man was, the story seems all the more amazing, for the good man was probably as good as any man you know today and the bad man was probably as wicked an old cuss as you ever heard of!

I. The Good Man

Notice how good the good man

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willing to earn what he got. He did not try to collect money that was not honestly due him. He was not an extortioner who tried to collect bills twice or stoop to any underhanded method of obtaining money. Further, he was not "unjust" — he was willing to pay his own honest debts. He did not "beat" his bills. No one had to send a lawyer around to collect money he owed for he was not unjust in his obligations.

And this is a virtue that is lacking in far too many of the Christians in our churches. I am continually amazed that Christians are often greedy and grasping in money matters, pocketing every dime they can get hold of by hook or crook while being none too careful to be as zealous in paying money honestly owed to others.

I will never forget how shocked I was during my college days when I got a job at a grocery store. To my amazement many good Christians would not pay their monthly grocery bills, although they rode around in fine cars and lived in big houses. Of course they all had excuses — they had ordered white bread and had been given brown bread! Therefore they felt perfectly justified in refusing to pay a whole month's bill because of the error!

I remember one family whose bill went so high that the manager of the store finally had to insist they take no more luxury items but just staples. But when the man finally received pay for the work he had been doing, he refused to pay his large bill on the ground that he had been mistreated!

The Choir's Teeth!

Several years ago I was in a revival campaign in an Illinois town where I met a dentist who had worked his way through Dental school while I worked my way through Moody Institute. He came to hear me preach and seemed greatly concerned about his soul. Several times he raised his hand for prayer but did not come forward. Finally I went to see him at his office.

"Russ," I said frankly, "I saw you raise your hand for prayer

again last night but you did not accept Christ. I have come to ask you, man-to-man, if you will not receive Christ and become a Christian."

He looked at me for a moment and then said, "You mean you want to talk to me about salvation right here in my office?"

"Yes," I replied, "I do."

Again he looked at me for a long moment and then abruptly turned and walked to his receptionist in the outer office. "Miss B——," he said, "how many appointments do I have for this afternoon?" She counted them and told him how many there were. He asked if any of the appointments were urgent and she said she hardly thought so.

"Then call them on the phone and cancel all appointments for the afternoon," he said.

She looked rather surprised but did as he said as he stood by her desk. When she had called the last one he told her she might take the afternoon off.

"But," she asked, "isn't there anything else you want me to do this afternoon, Doctor?"

"Yes, there is," he said, "I want you to lock the door as you leave!"

A very puzzled nurse quickly straightened her desk, picked up her purse, clicked the night-latch, gave him another puzzled look and pulled the door closed behind her!

The dentist then turned to me and said, "Bill, if you will only show me right here and now how I can be saved, I'll be grateful to you as long as I live! There is nothing in the world I want as much as I want to be a Christian."

So I took my Bible and showed him God's simple plan of salvation and he gladly accepted Christ. I remember his moist eyes, his warm handshake and his trembling voice as he suggested we thank God for saving him and that we pray for his wife to be saved, too. (She was saved that night.)

He had been so ready to be saved, so easy to win, that I could not help but ask him why in the world he had not been saved long before. He began to grin sheepishly as he said, "I have gone to the church many times hoping I would find out how to be saved, but every time I got so mad that I didn't hear a thing the preacher said!"

"You got mad! Did someone offend you? What in the world did you get mad about?"

"Well, I'm ashamed of it now," he said, "but I would get mad every time that choir got up to sing — you see, almost every one of them were singing through teeth they hadn't paid me for!"

And I am afraid there are many Christians in our churches who are so careless in financial matters that the unsaved have no respect for them and will not listen to them sing, testify or preach.

Not an Adulterer

Nor was the Pharisee an adulterer. He was not untrue to his wife, his family or his own body. And certainly in this world of lust and license, filthy writing, obscene talk and slack morals, it is refreshing to know men who live clean, wholesome lives.

Was Willing To Fast

"I fast twice in the week," he said. I suppose he meant he did without food two whole days a week! And although I am not in favor of Christians fasting as a ritual, without some real burden, yet I must say my hat is off to this man for being willing to sacrifice in order to do what he evidently believed to be right.

I only wish more Christians would be willing to inconvenience themselves a bit in order to do things they know would be pleasing to God. But instead of being willing to do without food for two whole days a week, the average Christian is definitely "put out" if the pastor holds him until five minutes after twelve on Sunday mornings! Instead of thinking of Sunday as a day in which to serve God, pray, learn the Bible and win souls, the average family thinks of Sunday as the day when they get together to eat too much and then take a

nap to sleep it off!

I don't want to be hard on you. I understand that you love the Lord, you want to see souls saved, you want to see your church grow, you want to win your loved ones to Christ and you are willing to do anything you can in the Lord's work — just as long as it doesn't inconvenience you!

But this man was better than many Christians — he was willing to pay a price to carry out his honest convictions.

He Tithed, Too

Furthermore, the Pharisee gave tithes of all he possessed. He was as honest with God in money matters as he was with men. He gave a tenth of his income to God. Every Christian should do the same and more — he should give tithes and offerings, and I tell you frankly I think any Christian is a deliberate crook who is not a tither!

You say that's strong language. It sure is! But if you don't like it you will have to argue with God about it because that is what He says. "Will a man rob God?" Malachi asks. Yes, God answers, "In tithes and offerings."

"Oh," you say, "but tithing is in the Old Testament."

So what?

"Well, it's part of the Old Testament law and the law was done away with when Jesus came. The ordinances were nailed to His cross."

I think you are so wrong it would be hard for you to be any wrong-er! Abraham was a tither; where was the law then? Jacob tithed, too. They did so because God put it in their hearts. Hundreds of years later when God gave the law to Moses, tithing was incorporated, although it had already been in effect as had God's law concerning murder, stealing, etc. Tithing was not and is not a ceremony but a matter of right and wrong.

Jesus said, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin . . . these ought ye to have done." Ceremonies pointing to the Saviour were, of course, done away with since they are no more needed now that Jesus has come and has

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fulfilled the law. But there is a definite need today for the tithes and offerings of God's people to carry on the work of the gospel. Yes, tithing is a solemn obligation, and I sadly repeat; you are a deliberate crook if you rob God of your tithes and offerings.

A Good Man — But Lost

The more you study the life of this man the more you realize what an unusually good man he was. There was just one thing wrong with him — he was headed for Hell! He was not saved. He was trusting in his own righteousness.

Am I trying to tell you that a good man like this, a man who is honest and clean living, who fasts and tithes, who is very religious and attends church and even prays publicly — am I trying to tell you a man like that can go to Hell? Absolutely! The Bible

makes it clear that all of us are sinners by birth and sinners by choice and that we cannot be saved from our sins by any righteousness of our own.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

You may belong to a church, be baptized, give your money, attend the services, take communion, etc. but this will not save you from Hell. It is impossible to have enough righteousness of your own to be saved by it. But, on the other hand, the vilest sinner who reads this may be saved if only he is willing to confess his sins and turn to God for mercy. For —

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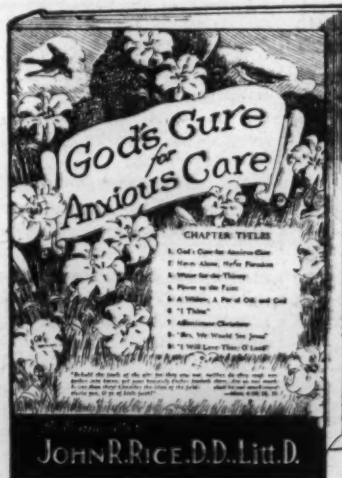
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Universally Praised!

We have been amazed at the reception which has been accorded the new book by Dr. John R. Rice, "GOD'S CURE FOR ANXIOUS CARE." From every state in the union, and from every major denomination, people have written to rejoice over the blessing the book has been to them, to ask for copies for friends, and to tell us why they like it. We are not surprised to know that people like it, but usually somebody disagrees! Though 4,890 copies have been distributed already, not one single person has made any comment but the highest praise!

Dr. John L. Hill, Editor, Broadman Press, said this about it: "In these days of popular volumes promising the cure for anxiety and care, it is refreshing to find one which sets forth God's cure for such enemies of human happiness. Strange, isn't it, how people steer around the solid truth and go for plausible frauds? . . . The author is so well and so favorably known that the reader can anticipate the solid, Biblical treatment of the themes, illumined by an experience of compassionate, tender ministry among people in need of the comfort of God — and he is not disappointed . . . A strong, reassuring, sustaining volume."

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God has come this book that abounds in a wealth of comfort and encouragement. I have read everything that Dr. Rice has written and published. But, to my mind, this is his greatest work. His other works have shown his sharp, plain Bible preaching, fervent and tender in his appeal to sinners. But this book is a book that you will not only cherish, but will want to give as a gift."

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ample, take the case of the wicked publican.

II. The Wicked Man

Evidently this publican was everything the Pharisee was not. He was crooked in money matters. He was a Jew who had taken a job from the Roman government to collect taxes from his own countrymen. Such men were despised by the Jews because they so often over-charged and dishonestly kept the surplus.

Evidently he was an adulterer. It would be in keeping with his character and probably the Pharisee meant that he was when he said, "or even as this publican."

Certainly he was not accustomed to attending the temple services, did not fast or tithe. He was a vile, filthy wretch who plainly felt out of place in the temple and he did not try to appear other than he was. Filled with shame, he stood with bowed head and humbled heart as he pleaded, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." And God saved him!

God did not save the Pharisee because he would not acknowledge that he was a sinner. God cannot save any man who does not approach Him on the same basis as the publican—a sinner who needs forgiveness. Jesus came to call, not the righteous but "sinners" to repentance.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

III. The Wicked Man Justified

Jesus said concerning this publican, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other." He was "justified." This simply means he was saved. I once heard a preacher say the word "justify" meant "just-as-if"—just-as-if one had never sinned! And that is what it means. To be saved means to be justified in God's sight. To be cleansed as though one had never sinned.

How To Be Justified

To ask how you can be justified in God's sight is the same as asking what you must do to be saved. And the answer is the same—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Good neighbor, this is a truth so simple we often overlook it. Salvation is a gift! It is not something you work for and it is not something you pay for. It is a gift that you simply receive. The Bible makes this clear again and again. Notice the plain teaching of Ephesians 2:8, 9.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Now turn to Romans 6:23 that tells a bit more about this marvelous "gift" of God.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Here we find that salvation is not only a "gift" but that it comes to us through Jesus Christ. Now let us turn to John 3:16 where the Bible explains this matter even more fully.

"For God so loved the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now we see the truth more clearly. We are all sinners but God loves us. He loves us so much He gave Jesus to us that we might receive Him and be justified, be saved. Salvation, then, is a gift that comes through our acceptance of Christ.

Gift Useless Without Acceptance

Of course both you and I know that the finest gift in the world will do you no good if you will not accept it. I bought a box of chocolate candy for a girl one time but she would not accept it, so it did her no good. (It didn't do me any good, either—I ate it and it made me sick!) If I had

a suit of clothes made that was of your exact size and favorite color and material and if I paid for it, it would never do you any good unless you were willing to accept it.

And even though God loves you so much He has given Jesus to you, even Jesus Christ will do you no good if you do not accept Him. You must accept this Gift if you would be justified, if you would go to Heaven. If you reject this Gift, you will go to Hell.

The Tough Canadian Who Accepted the Gift

One afternoon last year I was speaking to a large tabernacle crowd in Alberta, Canada. I finished my message with the warning, "Remember, now, if you want to be saved, you can be saved and know it before you leave this building. If you go to Hell it will be your own fault for you can be saved if you want to." Several came forward during the invitation and I dismissed the service after suggesting that any still unsaved should come to talk with me before leaving the building. Two came.

One was a girl who had gotten into trouble and came to ask if God could forgive her. I spoke with her a moment and then a lady came to deal with her. Then I turned to the second one who wanted to talk with me. He was a bald-headed man wearing thick glasses and he was about as big as the side of a barn! He was big, he talked tough and he looked as mad as a wet hen!

"Look-ee here," he yelled, shaking one ham-like hand under my sensitive nose, "you ought not talk like you do! You ain't got no right a-hurting folks' feelings like you done today!"

I retreated a step and asked, "What did I say that hurt your feelings?"

He advanced a step and replied, "You said if anybody left this building unsaved it was his own fault. Well, I'm going to leave here unsaved but it ain't my fault. I'm going to Hell and I can't help it!"

"You can help it," I replied hotly. "If you go to Hell it will be your fault. You can be saved the same as anyone else."

"No I can't. God has predestined some to go to Heaven and some to go to Hell and He has got me booked for Hell!"

"What makes you think God won't save you?" I asked.

"Because I have tried to get religion a couple of times and it won't work for me. God just don't want to save me," he replied.

I told him it was wicked to talk that way about God, that he could be saved just the same as anyone else if he was willing to turn from his sins and receive Christ. I spoke so strongly he became angry again. He asked me if I would back up my statements by actions—would I be willing to stay in the tabernacle and deal with him until he got saved, no matter how long it took. I told him if he was honest in wanting to be saved, I certainly would.

He ambled over to the edge of the platform and yelled to a woman sitting in a Ford car with some children. "Hey, Ma!" he yelled, "let the kids git outta the car and go play. When you git hungry, go to the store and buy something. We ain't going home right now."

"But Pa," she said, "it's milking time."

"Forgit about the cows—I ain't going to milk tonight," he said, "I'm attending to important business!"

He came back where I was and pulled two chairs up facing each other. I thought one was for him and one for me but I had another "think a-coming." He sat down in one and put his enormous feet up in the other, reached over to untie his shoe laces and then leaned back comfortably, looked me square in the eye and said, "All right, if you know so much let's see you git me saved!"

For several moments I was speechless! I just looked at him.

Finally I drew up a chair and said, "First, let me show you that you are a sinner."

"Great guns," he said, "I know I'm a sinner. Get me saved!"

I turned to John 3:16. He said he already knew it by heart but I persuaded him to read it with me again carefully.

"For God so loved the world"—did that mean him? "Yep."

"That he gave his only begotten son"—that meant Jesus; "that whosoever"—we agreed the "whosoever" meant us both—"believeth" and I showed him that to believe in Christ meant to receive Christ according to John 1:12, and on we went through the verse.

Then I came back to the part that says "He gave his only begotten Son."

"Look, Man," I said, "God gave Jesus to you long ago. You are accusing God of not being willing to save you when He has already given Jesus to you that you might be saved. Now, tell me the honest truth—have you ever taken this wonderful Gift that God offers you? Have you taken Jesus? God gave Him to you—have you received Him?"

Now it was his time to be speechless. He slowly and thoughtfully said, "Let me see that verse again." He took the Bible and looked at it long and searchingly. "Then, without a word from me or to me, he took his feet out of the opposite chair, went down on his knees with his elbows where his feet had been and began to weep! His great body shook, and when he could finally talk, he said, "O God, what a fool I have been! Here I have been telling folks how mean You were to me when You gave Jesus to me before I was even born and have been waiting all this time for me to take Him. I do want Him, Lord God, and I will take Him right now."

When he was finished praying, he stood to his feet. I was going to counsel with him a bit but, without saying a word, he shoved me to one side and ran out of the building. Outside I heard him yell, "Hey, Ma! Git the kids in the car. Let's hurry home and git the milking done and come back for the evening service!" It was not until later that he came to thank me for showing him the wondrous Gift of God that brings salvation.

I feel sure many will read this who have also neglected God's Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. And I feel sure you will want to receive Him, trust Him, believe on Him right now. In your heart, the best you know how, simply turn from your sins to the Saviour and trust Him to save you and forgive you—to justify you—right now.

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Then why has man not heard? Simply because the natural man cannot understand the things of God. The heavens do not declare the glory of God to the natural

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Three Kinds of Men; Two Kinds of Christians

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There is where my Jesus walked along."

I tell you, you have to know Jesus before you can say that. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them."

Many people wonder why some brilliant men have refused salvation in Jesus Christ. The fact is that we wonder why all men do not come running at the first invitation to accept Christ as their Saviour. We who know Him and realize what a glorious thing it is to be a child of God cannot understand why all men do not fall down before the Lord, receive Him as their Saviour and Lord and receive salvation at His hand. We wonder why the world cannot understand how God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself. We wonder why the cross of Jesus Christ does not draw all men when they see there the greatest demonstration of divine love that the world has ever beheld, as Christ, who was God incarnated in the flesh, offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. We wonder why all men do not love Him and receive Him. I tell you why—"the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18).

I once was in business with a very brilliant and highly-educated Englishman. One day we were discussing the atonement, and he ridiculed the thought that a man could take his sins upon Himself and die for him nineteen hundred years before he was born. I said, "The trouble with you is that you do not understand spiritual things."

God is not limited by time. There is no such thing as time to God. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). There is no yesterday with God. There is no tomorrow with God, for He is the eternal "I AM." Before the foundation of the world was ever laid, God looked on the end of creation and the whole scope of the ages, and it is ever-present before Him. My Bible teaches me that we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that the plan of salvation was made before man was created and before the foundation of the world was laid. Yes, God even goes so far as to say that your names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Why? Because God is the eternal "I AM," and the whole is to God as being ever-present. It is as if God were looking on a map that is from everlasting to everlasting, or a great picture that is from eternity to eternity. God sees it all at one time. It was easy enough for God to foresee my sin and my need. God in Christ took my sin upon Himself, bore my sin in His own body on the cross and wrought out my salvation nineteen hundred years before I was born.

I said to that Englishman, "If nobody could do anything for me before I was born; if people who have gone before me hadn't done something for me, I would be in a terrible condition. When George Washington and that army of brave patriots crossed the Delaware; when they spent that terrible winter at Valley Forge and fought through to victory, they did it for my liberty. And they died one hundred years before I was born. They fought my battles and died for my freedom that I enjoy today." I reminded him, too, that when I was in France I walked across a bridge that led to an old castle. And I was told that the castle was built and that bridge was constructed across that stream in 725 A. D. That bridge was built for me to walk on in 1919, built by hands that have long since gone back to dust.

On Calvary's cross God Almighty wrought out a salvation that is beyond the conception of the natural man. But to us who believe it is the glorious rock of ages upon which our feet stand,

and we can say to the whole wide-world, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). God's Word says that the natural man does not understand these things. Don't get disturbed because the world cannot see God. The world knows not God and cannot find God by its wisdom. Salvation is not through the wisdom of men; it is by the wisdom of God, and men find God by faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10). The natural man is blinded, dead in trespasses and sin. According to the Word of God, the natural man is a child of God's wrath, subject to God's wrath, condemned because of his sins and resting under the condemnation of God, with his eyes blinded by Satan and being led blindfolded into Hell, death and destruction. The natural man, God says, is in sin, and there is no good thing in him. Listen to the Word of God: "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10-12).

Then you say, "How is a man ever going to be saved if he is blind and dead and can't understand spiritual things?" I tell you, my friend, no man would ever be saved if God did not seek him first. The natural man does not seek God, does not understand God, does not want God and does not love God. But the Holy Spirit, by the mercy and the grace of God, comes to unsaved, blinded, dead sinners on their way to Hell, and uses the Word of God to bring light and knowledge to their hearts. The Holy Spirit comes knocking at the heart and opens the understanding, takes off the blindfold that the Devil has put on a sinner's eyes, and opens his eyes so that he can see his need. Then he understands why Christ would die for him.

My sinner friend, when you feel that strange knocking at your heart, that strange tugging at your soul and hear that call of the voice of God, that is the greatest hour of your life. Without it you never would find your way to the cross of Jesus Christ. I plead with you; if you hear that voice, harden not your heart. It is your one and only hope. Your only chance is to answer that call, let the light in and yield yourself to Him. God will do the rest.

II. The Carnal Man

The carnal man is a saved man, but his condition is that of a babe in Christ. One of the most tragic things among Christian people today is that so many who are saved never grow up—they just remain babes in Christ all their lives, dwarfed and stunted; satisfied just to be saved. I think one of the most tragic things among the people of God is that the majority of saved people are satisfied just to be saved. I heard a dear sister say one day, "If I could just get a back seat in Heaven, I would be satisfied." I heard a man say, "If I could just get in by the skin of my teeth, that is all I want." My friend, the thing I fear is that, if that is all you know about salvation, if that is all you know about the love of God, you do not know the Lord in salvation. But a great many saved people think that just so they are saved, everything is all right.

Oh, if I could just open the Book of God and show you where God speaks of the deep things of God! For it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9). Most Christian people stop there and begin to think about Heaven. Paul isn't talking about Heaven at all.

He is talking about the glorious things that God has for His children here after salvation. For in the next verse he says, "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." That carnal Christian who is satisfied just to be saved, who is trying to hold on to the world—feeding his soul on the husks of worldly pleasures, feeding on the picture shows and the husks of the giddy whirl out yonder; trying to satisfy his life—is like the prodigal son in the hog-pen, feeding on the husks that the swine did eat while back yonder at his father's table there was plenty to eat and to spare. His soul is hungry and starving. He never has the assurance of salvation and knows nothing of the deep and wonderful things of the Christian's life.

Not only is he a babe in Christ and is satisfied just to be saved, but he never knows the fullness of joy in Christ, the love that is shed abroad in the heart, and the "joy unspeakable and full of glory." He knows nothing of the fullness of the Spirit. He knows nothing of the richness of the grace of God. He knows nothing of the wonderful fellowship with the Lord day by day. He knows nothing of the blessed risen Lord who walks and talks with those who know Him and love Him. He has no spiritual discernment and knows not right from wrong—he can't see any harm in this and that. He had just as soon be out at the ball park on the Lord's day as at the house of God. He can't see anything wrong in going to a picture show on the Lord's day. He can't see anything wrong in a chaperoned dance or social bridge game. He can't see anything wrong in taking a drink of beer, just so he doesn't get drunk. What is the matter with that poor soul? God says he is just a babe in Christ. He has never yet gotten a vision of the glorious, wonderful life that God has for His children who walk with and hold fellowship with Him. The carnal Christian knows nothing of the sweet consciousness of the presence of the Lord. He is selfish. He is sensitive, always getting his feelings hurt. He is contentious and hard to get along with. He is full of strife, envy and jealousy. Paul says, "whereas, there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (I Cor. 3:3). If these things are true with any of you, it means that you are carnal Christians—just babes in Christ, and still need to be fed on milk. Let us grow up.

III. The Spiritual Man

The spiritual man is a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, growing, fruitful, happy, radiant Christian. The greatest need of the world today is radiant Christianity. We need radiant Christians in the midst of a world of suffering and sorrow, in the midst of a world of uneasiness—when men's hearts are failing them for fear; in the midst of sorrow. Many mothers lost their sons during the war. Those mothers' hearts are bleeding. Nations are suffering and bleeding at every pore. I tell you, the world needs to see in us what Jesus Christ can do for His own. Oh, if there ever was a time when we, the people of God, ought to get up so close to Him that the very presence of Christ would beam out of our faces and show to the world what beauty, glory, comfort, strength, and grace there is in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is today.

The Devil is working overtime to make sin attractive. He has put it in fine clothes. He has set it to entrancing music, laughter and gaiety, and calls it society. Men see it and think it will satisfy the longings of the heart. They go after it by the millions, only to find at the end it is like a moth flying to the light of a candle in the dark. The lighted candle looks beautiful to the moth as he makes his way to it, only to find that it will singe his wings. Oh, how many I have seen lying around the base of the candle in great heaps, with their wings singed! The Devil has dressed up sin and made it so attractive and so alluring! He puts cocktail in beautiful glasses in the hands of beautiful mothers in wonderful homes. He entices young people who see no harm in it. But lis-

ten, at the bottom—"At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:32). The Devil has worked overtime to make sin attractive. The most effective counter-agent to sin's lure is a radiant Christian life. The world needs a practical demonstration of how happy a real Christian is—happy because he is walking and talking with the Lord.

How to Become a Radiant, Spiritual Christian

I can tell you how you may become a radiant, spiritual Christian. First, by complete separation from the world; second, by complete consecration to the Lord; third, by unconditional surrender to His will.

What do you read? What do you do? Where do you go? I can tell what kind of Christian you are when I go to your home and see what you read. You cannot feed your mind on True Stories, True Romance, Love Stories and that kind of filth and sex smut and be a Spirit-filled Christian. I can tell you what kind of Christian you are when you tell me where you go. You cannot feed your life and fill your mind with the filth that is being shown on the screen today and be a spiritual Christian. I tell you, a Christian cannot be too careful about what he reads and where he goes.

If you determine in your heart that you are going to be a spiritual man or woman and are going to live that overcoming, victorious, radiant, happy, beautiful, attractive Christian life, there are some things that you are going to give up. I am not attempting to tell you what, but I am afraid you Christians need to take literally what God says about modest apparel. Many may have to quit cutting their hair and painting their fingernails. A lot of gaudy attire may have to be discarded. We may have to quit doing many things we do, and stop going to some places of amusement, if we want to be spiritual Christians.

But whatever it costs, it is worth it. The rewards are worth all it costs. Briefly, I list some of them. The first is answered prayer. God promises to answer the prayers of a spiritual man. Listen to it! "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). My Christian friend, when you sit by the bedside and hold a little feverish hand and the breath is coming faster and faster and the pulse growing weaker, it is worth all the world then to know that you can pray and get an answer. Only spiritual Christians have this promise of answered prayer.

Then a spiritual Christian has continual fellowship with God and an abundant life. He has victory every step of the way. He is conqueror, yes more than conqueror over all the things that

come against his life.

A spiritual Christian has a glorious end waiting out yonder at the end of the journey. I know some people do not like to think of death, but it is coming to us all, and if you want a glorious end you will have to live a glorious life. You are going to die like you live. The spiritual Christian has the assurance that when he comes to face death it will be

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Just last night He left the upper room with His disciples and walked out of the city, across the brook Cedron on the East, and into the Garden of Gethsemane, among the gnarled and ancient olive trees. His soul was even then "sorrowful unto death." The sins and the shame of the world were so piled on Him that His veins were bursting open and His sweat was like great drops of blood falling down to the ground! We know, then, that His sorrow and pain are not all of the body, but are mainly of the spirit.

Now He has had no rest through the night. Seized in the Garden of Gethsemane; bound, led before the high priest, He was mocked and abused, and then tried before Pilate in the early morning hours. Though no fault was found in Him, yet He was scourged with the Roman cat-o'-nine-tails and turned over to the soldiers for their horseplay. Do you see His features swollen and bruised? That is where they beat Him with reeds and rods, and said, "Who smote thee?" If you look closely you can see where the barbs of the crown of thorns make blue punctures in His forehead. Loving eyes can see the trace of the spittle where they spit in His face when He was blindfolded.

How strange He looks on the cross to the eyes of the disciples, Mary Magdalene, and His mother! His beard has been plucked out (Isa. 50:6). His face is so marred by the abuse He has received that He does not look like a man (Isa. 52:14). There He hangs on the cross, stripped naked, before the gazing eyes of thousands. That is a part of the shame of the crucifixion. The soldiers already have gambled for His garments.

It is a terrible sight; but wait, He is the Saviour of the world and too much depends upon it to turn away. Let us observe other details. I hear the dripping of blood and on closer examination I find that most of it comes from His hands and feet. His back is all lacerated from the scourging, and the dried blood gives evidence of that part of His sufferings. But now there is a steady trickle from His hand. The great spike is driven through the center of the palm and the weight of His weary, tortured body has torn a gaping hole there. From this the life-blood trickles down to the elbow, or perhaps on down His naked body, and drips off on the ground.

In the frothy pool of thickening blood at the base of the cross is mingled also the blood that trickles off His toes, running down from where the great spike is driven through the insteps.

Already Jesus has said a final good-by to His mother, committing her to the care of the beloved disciple. (According to the passage in John, when Jesus cried out, "I thirst," it is at the very close of His agony. "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.")

All things are now accomplished! But that the Scripture may be fulfilled and that all mankind may know the torment of His sorrow, He cries out, "I thirst!" The thirst of Jesus is foretold in Psalms 22:15 which says, "My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou has brought me into the dust of death." His mouth is dry. His tongue swells and sticks to His jaws. Thirst is a horrible thing. But even in His torment and His thirst the Saviour thinks of the Scripture and is set on fulfilling the Scripture.

All must know that He is bear-

ing in His own body the torments of the damned, the wages of sin for all the world, and so He cries out, "I thirst!" Even in His death, Jesus pleases not Himself but the Father, and the Scripture is fulfilled.

The Thirst of the Dying

I remember that when I was a boy, old grandfather Cavender used to tell about the Civil War. He told how, following the battle—or even in the midst of it—between the two opposing armies, the wounded would lie bleeding and dying, shot down in a charge or a retreat. And he told me that the most horrible suffering of the wounded was a thirst for water. The cry, "Water! water! water!" would go out from fevered lips until sometimes their comrades, tormented by their anguish, would carry them a canteen of water, at the risk of life itself. As the blood ebbs away from the body, the whole body cries out for water. Often water alone would guarantee the recovery of the wounded and sometimes only water could ease their torment as they died. I have thought many times of how the poor, abused, beaten, and wounded Saviour must have suffered for water as He hung on the cross under the blazing sun, and then in the three hours of darkness as His blood dripped away. No wonder that Jesus cried out, "I thirst!"

We know, of course, that the Saviour did not expect water on the cross. When He set His face toward Calvary to die for the sins of the world, Jesus well knew what He was giving up. He never sought to dodge it. He went like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth (Isa. 53:7). No, no, His cry, "I thirst," is meant only to show His agony and to cause us to realize what He suffered for us. Did not He know the hearts of all men, including those wicked officials and the howling mob before Him? John 2:24-25 tells us that He did know the heart of man. He knew He would be given vinegar and gall to torment Him further, to burn His mouth and crack His lips—the added insult from those who hated Him without a cause. The holy thirst of Jesus He could have satisfied in a moment, but He did not. For our sakes, He did not!

The Thirsting Christ Atoned for My Sins

There are some lessons that surely all of us should find burned upon our hearts by the holy thirst of the Saviour. The first of these is that His sufferings were for us. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5-6).

I think our Catholic friends cause many to stumble with their crucifixes, but surely they are right when they meditate much on the wounds of the Saviour, on His sufferings and His blood. Blood has a most prominent place in the Bible and it should have the pre-eminent place in our preaching. The slain passover lamb and the shed blood were the central elements of Jewish worship for 1500 years, until the Saviour, God's Passover Lamb, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," was slain. The very night before His crucifixion, the Saviour gave the last supper—the memorial supper—and in the cup of wine, blood red, which He passed

to His disciples and said, "Drink ye all of it," the Saviour commanded us to remember His bloody death until He comes again! Blood, blood, rivers of blood, pointed to Jesus in the Old Testament. And may we sing, then, in New Testament times, that,

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Woe be to the preacher who preaches the gospel without blood! And woe be to the sinner who seeks any plan of salvation that does not depend wholly on the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, for sinners slain!

The thirst of the Lord Jesus on the cross, then, was my thirst. He suffered what I should have suffered. His torments were intended rightfully for me. They who offered the One altogether lovely the vinegar and gall should have given that bitter sponge to me instead. For I, poor sinner that I am, should have experienced the tormenting thirst that was the agony of the Saviour in His dying hour. He died for me! Oh, praise His name! Christ died for sinners like me!

Before we go further, then, I remind every reader of these lines that with grateful, contrite hearts; with penitent, confessing hearts; you should put your trust in the Saviour, and depend on Him alone for salvation. Any sinner in the world can come to the Father and find mercy and forgiveness and salvation and a new, clean heart, if only he comes depending on the merit and virtue of the blood poured out when Jesus died. You have only to say, "He took my place; His thirst was my thirst; the sin He paid for was my sin," and honestly commit yourself to accept the redemption purchased there, and salvation and eternal life are yours.

When Jesus hung on the cross, they said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." He thirsted and cried out unavailingly in order that every other thirsty heart might drink the water of life freely and never thirst again.

To the poor, sinning, outcast Samaritan woman, Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

Poor, hungry, thirsty, sin-sick, dying soul, drink today! Drink deeply, for Jesus bore His thirst unsatisfied so that all who thirst might come to Him and drink. That is the reason that He tells us in Revelation 22:17: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let

Three Kinds of Men; Two Kinds of Christians

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victory and glory; that the sun will not go down behind the clouds. Balaam, who was willing to sell his office for money, when he saw how the people of God meet death, cried out, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" (Num. 23:10). But, Balaam, you didn't die that way because you didn't live the righteous life.

When Voltaire came to die he said, "Don't leave me now! I am abandoned by God and man." When Dwight L. Moody was dying he said to his children, "Is this death?" They answered, "Yes, father, you are dying." But he

him take the water of life freely." And again in Revelation 21:6 we are told, "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Let us rejoice that the holy thirst of Jesus purchased us the right to drink and drink and never thirst again. The water is free, brother, and paid for, this water of life, and it is purchased for just such sinners as you and me.

An Understanding Saviour

I am glad, some way, that the tortures of Jesus are told or implied in the Bible. I do not want a Saviour who has never suffered. How could one who was never tempted know my temptation? Hebrews 4:15, 16 says, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I have said before that the thirst for drink is a horrible thing. The Lord Jesus knows it. Once an exasperated wife told me how she quarreled with her husband for drinking and said it seemed he did not want to do right or he would leave liquor alone. How little she knew of the power of temptation and the torment of thirst! Drunkards are not always so by choice, as I well know. God has given me the confidence of many drinking men; I have seen hundreds of drunkards converted, thank God, and I know. Drinking is often weakness, not viciousness. Once the drunkard could have left it alone and should have, God knows. But now he is a slave who hates his bonds and longs to be free, but sometimes he cannot except by the mercy and redeeming power of Christ.

One of the things I hold against liquor dealers everywhere is that they deliberately appeal to men's

said, "No, this is not death; this is my coronation day! This is victory! This is glory!" Only a spiritual Christian can die like that.

A spiritual Christian will not be ashamed to meet his Lord, John speaks in I John 2:28 of that crowd who will be ashamed to stand before Him at His coming.

Friend, if there is one thing my poor heart longs for above everything else in this world it is to walk into the presence of my Lord with my head up, unashamed and hear Him say, "Well done, Joe Hankins—good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." That is the reward of the spiritual man.

weaknesses. I have known liquor dealers to pour beer on the sidewalk so that the fumes might arouse that demon which is in every drinking man.

Such a thirst is horrible. But thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ understands it all. He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities! He was tempted IN ALL POINTS like as we are, the Bible tells us. That is hard for us to understand, hard for us to believe, but it is true. Every tempted man and woman has a right to lift up sad face and empty heart and weak hands, and call on the Lord Jesus Christ who has defeated Satan in every kind of temptation—call on Him for help. Thank God for such an High Priest as Jesus who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities! Voluntarily, He made Himself weak as we are weak, was tempted as we are tempted, suffered just as we have suffered, was betrayed as men are sometimes betrayed into the hands of sinners. Yet He was victorious and offers victory to us.

A Way to Escape

Not only does Christ offer us understanding and sympathy, but He offers us victory in every temptation. Satan has met his match, and more, in the man Christ Jesus! First Corinthians 10:13 tells us, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as

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"I Thirst"

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is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

There is a way to escape; there is a way to bear temptation! Isn't it marvelous? The Lord Jesus has so tasted every depth of human weakness and so knows our poor hearts that He has hedged us about and promises us that "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able," and has promised to have always a way of escape. Oh, tempted souls, Jesus was thirsty, but He did not drink! He could have, for all the wealth of the universe was at His command, even as He hung on the cross. Remember that He told Pilate He could call for twelve legions of angels and have them. But brother, He didn't call for them, and when He was thirsty He did not drink! And like an elder brother who cares for the younger and weaker children, so the Lord Jesus has hedged about His people that we may not be tempted more than we are able to bear. He is close at hand to offer and guarantee a way of escape, always.

Then whatever desire may burn like fire in your soul, whether of drink, or bodily lust, or the dope habit, or murderous anger—in all these cases the Lord Jesus reminds us that He has conquered them all. By the holy thirst of Jesus on the cross we are reminded that His people can have victory as He had it, and by His strength.

In Hebrews 2:14-18 we are told how Jesus became a man, took on Himself the seed of Abraham and destroyed the power of the Devil, and so is able to help all that are tempted:

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

By the holy thirst of Jesus, then, let us be reminded to run to Jesus for help. He is able to succor those who are tempted!

A High Resolve

Jesus thirsted on the cross but did not satisfy His thirst. He must not cheat death but must taste death for every man. For our sake the holy thirst of Jesus was unsatisfied. How fitting, then, that every one of us should form a high resolve not to give way to temptation, not to drink when we ought not to drink.

Daniel proposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank (Dan. 1:8).

I beg everybody who reads this, every man, yea, every boy and girl and woman, to promise God now, "I resolve, by the holy thirst of Jesus and by the victory He purchased for me, not to defile myself with alcoholic drink!" Why not write that out in your Bible and sign it today, and then by the grace of God and with the succoring help of Christ, keep it until the day you die! Do it today.

If Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps (I Pet. 2:21); if He thirsted and yet pleased not Himself, restrained Himself, denied Himself, yea gave Himself even to death, then let those of us who love Him and trust Him not give way to our thirsts! We can well say to the clamour of our desires, our self-

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General Manager, Sword of the Lord Publishers

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Usually Dr. Rice talks to you about the subscription offers, and writes the articles encouraging you to help him get this paper to the needy hearts and homes. But this time, because of his heavy burdens, he asked me to tell you about these special offers. You see, Dr. Rice and his brother, Bill, also an evangelist (and a good one, too), are planning five simultaneous conferences on evangelism for Thanksgiving week. This is all in addition to his other work as an evangelist, editor, and author; any one of which is enough to keep a man very busy. Then, too, I guess he thinks I should be doing more than looking after office supervision, book manufacture, finances, etc., to earn my bread and butter! At any rate, it is a privilege to be able to do it for Jesus' sake. Also it gives me a chance to have more contact with you. That is better than working just with papers and "things."

When this job was turned over to me, I tried to think of some things that you would like to have for yourself that we could give you for helping us get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into ten thousand more homes. Because I did not know what would be the very best gifts to offer you, I called in Mrs. Rice, the editor's wife; Mr. Ladoit Stevens, the

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Oh, thou holy, dying Saviour, let me thirst with Thee! When I thirst for the things of this world, let me have grace to deny myself.

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With the Evangelists

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The Maplewood Park Baptist Church of East St. Louis, Illinois, has recently closed a blessed revival campaign led by Evangelist Ed F. Vallowe. There were seventy professions of faith coming for baptism, with four coming by letter into the church. There were at least ninety coming forward to give up the movies, dance, drink, smoking, gambling, and cards.

Brother Vallowe is at present in a campaign with the Lake Village Baptist Church, Lake Village, Arkansas. We are grateful to God for His blessings upon this earnest soul winner.

Evangelist L. B. Hargrove of Sedalia, Missouri, writes that he had a happy summer of tent revivals in Missouri. Part of the time his son, Rev. Billy T. Hargrove, did the preaching and Evangelist L. B. Hargrove led the singing. In other cases the evangelist alone did the preaching. There were tent revival services in Carrollton, Hickory, Alpha, and in Trenton, Missouri, sponsored by the Tenth Street Baptist Church. Evangelist Hargrove lives at 1819 South Warren Street, Sedalia, Missouri.

Evangelist Carey Daniel of 3636 1/2 Colonial, Dallas, Texas, held a tent meeting for colored people in the Elm Thicket community in Dallas, with fifty-one professions of faith. Plans are now being made to start a colored church in that community. We are glad our brother is burdened for the souls of colored people, as well as white, and held

725 Professions Under Billy Graham's Ministry in Des Moines

In a revival campaign described by veteran churchmen as "the greatest in Des Moines since 1914 when Billy Sunday was here," Rev. Billy Graham of Charlotte, N. C., president Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis, vice-president of Youth For Christ International, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Barrows of Modesto, Calif., and George Beverly Shea of Chicago were used of God as an evangelistic team to bring 725 people to Christ for salvation in the 15-day series which ended on Sunday night, September 26.

Ninety-two churches in Des Moines area cooperated in the intensive "Christ for this Crisis" campaign which drew crowds up to 4,500 in Des Moines' beautiful KRNT Radio Theatre. Youth For Christ in Des Moines, under the direction of Cy Jackson, sponsored the series.

In addition to the 725 who have professed belief in Christ as Saviour, 417 young people under 35 years of age answered the missionary call on the final Sunday afternoon when 29-year-old Graham presented a graphic and stirring message on world evangelization in this generation. Total decisions thus came to 1,142. These have been referred to 109 churches for follow-up work.

The final Sunday will live long in the memory of Des Moines people. After the missionary outpouring of the afternoon, 155 others accepted Christ as Saviour in the final Sunday evening service as many of Des Moines churches closed their doors to cooperate in this soul-winning effort. A loud-

speaker system was set up in the basement to handle the overflow crowd.

Converts came from all walks of life. Though sponsored by Youth For Christ, the outreach hit all ages. A 77-year-old man from Pella, Iowa, was converted during the second week. Just as he arrived to attend the final service he slumped over dead in a car in front of the radio theatre. Entire families were converted. The elevator girl in the hotel in which Graham stayed was converted. One pastor told of bringing a bus load of young people and having 18 of them accept Christ.

The duets of the Barrows', the solos by Shea as well as accompaniment from Don Hustad, Herman Voss, and others fitted in perfectly to prepare the throngs for the fiery messages of Graham. Gil Dodds, world champion miler, spoke one evening. A spirit of prayer dominated the entire campaign and the church people of Des Moines were melted together in a spirit of Christian love and soul winning effort. Rev. Edward Boone of the publishing house which bears his name said, "This is the greatest thing that has happened in my 32 years as a Christian. I've never seen anything like it." Rev. Clayton Bolinder of the Penn Avenue Baptist church added that it should be done every year. Rev. Frank Smith of the Church of the Open Bible stated that the campaign had made an impact on the city which all of the churches working as units never could make.

Graham, Barrows and Shea will conduct a three-week campaign in Augusta, Georgia, from October 3 - 20 and at Modesto, California, from October 24 - November 14.

A Visit With Evangelist Howard Williams

The other day Evangelist J. Howard Williams of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was in Wheaton. So Mrs. Rice and I insisted that he and Mrs. Williams, old friends and proven campaigners for Christ, spend a couple of days in our home. Evangelist Williams was a successful newspaperman before he was saved. He represented the Associated Press in Mexico City, then elsewhere. He conducted publicity of the Democrats for twelve states when Cox was candidate for presidency. He interviewed President Woodrow Wilson. He was editor and chief owner of the largest daily newspaper in Mississippi (at Jackson) when he found Christ under the ministry of Gypsy Smith, Jr. His life was revolutionized. Soon he was a flaming evangelist.

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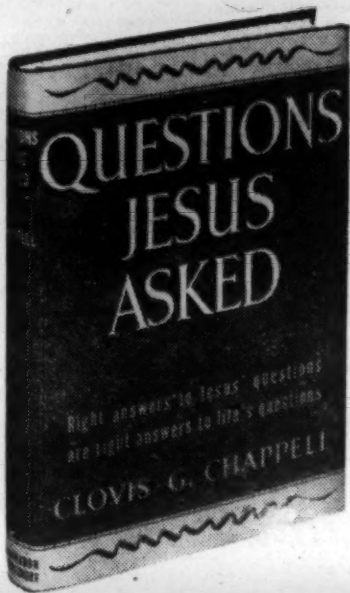
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November Selection: Questions Jesus Asked

By DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, now pastor of the First Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, is hailed as one of America's outstanding preachers and writers. He has served with great effectiveness pastorates in great churches in Dallas; Washington; Memphis; Houston; Birmingham; Oklahoma City; with a long and wonderfully blessed ministry at Jackson, Mississippi before going to Charlotte. He has a rare insight into audience psychology, a burning love for Christ, and he is a Methodist who believes the Bible and honors Christ.

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